

SHELBY, N. C.

Editor Adair County News:

With renewed assurance that the weekly visits of your estimable journal is appreciated, this is to add another feature to the galaxy of nations. Every department brims with interest; but the editorial features and the historical sketches especially appeal to a sojourner from the Kentucky fold. It is a source of pride to realize that my native Commonwealth still heeds the call of its country as the voice of God—as she has done in every struggle for freedom. During the Revolution Kentucky was part of the Virginia domain, as Tennessee was a portion of North Carolina. In a recent German drive, the sons of the Old North State, with New Yorkers and scions of the Volunteer State, acquitted themselves nobly; proving that valor and heroism are not confined to any section, state or nationality. The Puritan blood that the South styled "damyankees," shed glory on escutcheon of the North—the dashing Cavalier proved that this was not a waning prestige. Provincials from every section are disposed to glorify their region, and regard all peoples, tongues and nations remote from themselves as being in outer darkness. In this State I have read in some mangy, provincial sheet about something that occurred in the "wilds" of Kentucky, and have conversed with yokels to whom the vision of a hard-boiled shirt was a mystery; who imagined that a pistol is a pistol is a necessary article of masculine attire in Kentucky, and that a deacon, steward, or an elder felt that God was glorified if he shot a foeman as he rode home from communion service on his ox sled; and that a horse race or a chicken fight with gaffs, was the sequel of a Sunday School and Christian worship. The man who felt insulted because a business man addressed him a typewritten letter, and responded, "I can read writin' be G—" was merrily classed by every jokesmith that reveled in jokes contemporary with William the Conqueror, as from Kentucky.

Also, the ancient pleasantry about a man seen in an auto, and later a motorcycle, said, "why the durned thing has got a colt," was likewise located in the Dark and Bloody Ground.

In all conscience, the truth is bad enough told at expense of North Carolina; but the people of the middle west think that men and live stock subsist entirely upon persimmons; and that hogs are fed by a boy taking a pole, with basket attached, and holding up ten shoats in a tree to eat "simmons," and then the boy climbed up and eat his morning meal. They also reverently believe that taxes are paid in tar, and that a Liberty Loan Bond represents so many buckets, juga, gourds, kegs, or barrels of

tar. Cleveland county, in which I have a being, have 900 automobiles and "Fords." We have some of as fine sand clay roads as are found in the Union; and Adair county could afford to sit up and take notice. Of course we have putrid political rings, graft, and unadulterated cussedness, and certainly a shamefully badge of illiteracy. But while illiteracy is slowly disappearing, we are likely to see grafters caught red-handed when the mighty angel peals the trump of resurrection, all the grafters will not be from North Carolina. Neither do all the homicides occur in Kentucky. She is bad enough, but Georgia and South Carolina gives Kentucky room to register as the hot bed of Quakerism. In these states and Louisiana, the delectable sight of a barbecued nigger is of frequent occurrence.

When I first came here, nobody native to the manner born, had a good word for the memory of Abraham Lincoln; and manumitting the slave was regarded as a disaster. "Freeing the nigger," ranked with robbing a bank and killing the brave cashier as the James and Younger contingent the heroic R. A. Martin at Columbia. As a digression, permit me to chronicle an incident of that sad catastrophe. Dr. Hector Owens, now deceased, victim of cholera, was out of town when the tragedy occurred. Upon his home arrival, he asked if the town made any resistance. When informed that Ike Cravens fired two ineffectual shots; Bill Baker, Billy Walker and Clint Winfrey tried to make a show of resistance, but owing to "unpreparedness," either out of amunition or guns out of repair, he said: "Oh h—, a nigger with a bow and arrow could come here and rob this bank." But Columbia did nobly. Very few banks that these marauders robbed did so well. Ike Cravens was a boy at the time, and this is to pay him a tardy tribute.

Harking back to feeling of hostility of Southerners against emancipation of the Negro; I never expected to see a fine, medallion picture of Lincoln in Shelby court house, nor to hear the panegyrics that are pronounced to his memory by ministers and spellbinders of political aspirations.

In present war, we want Germany vanquished, real democracy to be enthroned, and intolerance and bigotry to perish from the earth. The sagacity of President Wilson will enroll him with the immortals; for at such a grave crisis, "He who dallies is a dastard, and he who doubts is damned." But all this wanting to burn the Kaiser at the stake, break Hindenburg on the wheel, crucify German soldiers, and vapors of fanatics and cowards. The North, especially the ones yelped for war but stayed at home and practiced the nefarious calling of shoddy contractors, would have hung Jefferson Da-

vis. This southern hero, statesman and gentleman, was doubt-misguided, but never a traitor. The agitators of the south, especially who never fought, would have burned Abraham Lincoln at the stake, but the present men of affairs, even in "Dixie," regard him as a martyr. When I hear a man so bad off to fight, I know he is likely to attain a dishonorable old age, for he will perish on the firing line. Nearly every man I hear raving in this region, is either a blustering coward, or a base profiteer.

Permit me to thank Mrs. Monterey F. Hurt-Dohoney, of Elida, N. M., my teacher of by-gone days, for a service flag with 4 stars. She is of chivalrous and valient lineage. Her brother, Leslie Combs Hurt, was a gallant soldier, and every son of Lucien and Rollin Hurt are doing prodigies of valor. I tell some of this blustering crowd around me that we don't tell what ought to be done for democracy, we merely fight. A livery stable or soda fountain loafer, proclaims himself valient as Roosevelt, or Billy Sunday, and I don't argue the matter.

As a matter of tardy justice, permit me to pay a tribute to the late Jim Polk Dohoney. He and the late William Stewart were among the keenest witted men I ever met. Both were warm-hearted and to me were especial friends. For some reason, both were poor financiers, which seems the lot of nearly all humorists. A man is usually esteemed according to his bank account: even some of our ministers regard the soul of a capitalist with the Pearl of greatest Price. A fellow with one cow, one hog, no fine raiment and no bank account, is classed as having a very dudimentary spark of divinity; while a Shylock is regarded as one of the anointed. Columbus was called a crazy sailor, John Howard Payne never had a home; and Lazarus probably starved at table of Dives. No wonder "The righteous are cast down on every side while the vilest men are exalted." Men under 45, all over this region, are ranting about slackers, cowards and traitors, but what are they?

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